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SUBJECT: LOS: REPLY FROM NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO
SECRETARY'S LETTERS OF AUGUST 3 AND 27

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY
FROM NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER IN RESPONSE TO THE
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 3 AND 27. THIS MESSAGE WAS
DELIVERED BY THE NEPALESE EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I WISH TO THANK
YOU R EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR TWO MESSAGES CONCERNING THE LAW
OF THE SEA WHICH I RECEIVED THROUGH AMBASSADOR MAYTAG. I
FULLY SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE
IS ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND CRITICAL NEGOTI-
ATION AND NEED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS AIMED AT PEACE,
JUSTICE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL NATIONS.

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3. NEPAL HAS ALL ALONG APPRECIATED THE MAJOR AND PIONEER-

ING INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A CONSENSUS ON VITAL ISSUES FACING THE CONFERENCE. THE NEPALESE DELEGATION IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS HAS ALSO SET FORTH CERTAIN IDEAS WHICH WE THINK ARE NECESSARY FOR PRESERVING THE CONCEPT OF THE OCEAN RESOURCES BEING THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. IN OUR VIEW RECOGNITION OF ACCESS AND TRANSIT RIGHTS OF THOSE STATES WHICH ARE DEPRIVED BY NATURE OF SEA COAST AND OF THEIR CERTAIN INTERESTS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE AND CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND TWO HUNDRED MILES WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. RECOGNITION OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS IN THE REGIME OF THE SEA MUST BE THE BASIS FOR AN OVERALL AGREEMENT.

4. I APPRECIATE THE PERSONAL ATTENTION YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. THIS WILL GIVE NEEDED IMPETUS TO THE CONFERENCE FOR ADVANCING THE NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE NEPALESE DELEGATION TO PUT ITSELF ENTIRELY AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE US DELEGATION FOR ANY CONSULTATIONS. SINCERELY, KRISHNA RAJ AYRAL. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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